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Adding a New Dimension to Captain America

For years, Captain America has been a stalwart defender of the United States, a man of unimpeachable integrity who represented the best that America has to offer, and who worked to defend his nation from all natures of threats, from the criminal to the cosmic. In his own series, his exploits have often focused on espionage and undercover adventure—the sort of thing that doesn't normally make the front page of ***The Daily Bugle.***

That changes quite a bit, however, when *Rick Remender & John Romita Jr.* relaunch ***Captain America*** as part of the Marvel NOW! initiative. However, one thing that *won't* change is the noble character of Steve Roger himself.

"Looking into the heart of Steve Rogers is the focus of ***Captain America***," Remender said. "However, tonally, you can expect a shift, but the character is still the same. At the core of it is the character of Steve Rogers... It's a large step away from the espionage stuff that *Ed [Brubaker]* has been doing." Remender explained that what he and Romita are unveiling is much more of a high adventure/science fiction story, taking Captain America to the twisted Dimension Z, where he will confront Arnim Zola. "I'm trying to take Zola and do with him what we did with Apocalypse over in ***Uncanny X-Force,***" Remender said. "Take what's there, re-imagine it, build a new mythology and really expand Zola, building him into a very, very big and important character."

"It's a real departure from the standard operating procedure for Captain America," Romita said. "We're in a whole different ballgame here." The artist went on to explain that Remender is presenting Dimension Z as a warped, dark world unlike anything readers would expect to see in ***Captain America***—and as an example, he cited a gory scene set in Zola's lab, with "bodies hanging—experimental combinations of animals and humans. The image is this house of horrors... It actually gave me the willies when I was working on it," Romita said—and considering what he has drawn as artist of *Mark Millar's* ***Kick Ass*** and ***Hit Girl,*** that's quite a statement indeed!

Remender said that this was intended to establish the evil of Zola in a single scene. "You can do that visually like this if the art is in capable hands," Remender said. "Zola is Mengele [referring to *Josef Mengele,* the Nazi doctor who performed medical atrocities on prisoners, including perverse human experimentation]. He's a nightmare. He sees life as clay. This scene establishes what a nightmare he is."

Remender stressed that he's not trying to take ***Captain America*** in a gruesome direction. "There is nothing in there that's perverse or so terrible," Remender said, but it's certainly inspired by EC horror comics fo the 1950s. Or even what Bernie Wrightson did with his ***Frankenstein*** stuff. There will be ultra-violence, but is has a purpose for being there. And there will also be moments of ultra peace."

The old look of Arnim Zola will undergo a reinterpretation by Romita as well. Editor-in-chief *Tom Brevoort* explained that, "because he was such a bizarre design, the scale and the menace of his villainy were almost taken away—he was almost a comical figure. That's all going away when this book comes out. He's *not* going to be a figure that anyone's going to laugh at—he's a creepy dude, and the more into the onion you peel, the more creepy and unsettling he gets."

Remender and Romita aren't just reinterpreting Arnim Zola—they've developing an entire dimension filled with a distinctive supporting cast that includes mutates and "this whole other species that Rick came up with—we're working on a whole civilization here," Romita said.

Brevoort said that there's "an element of *Frank Miller*-ness in what's going on here," comparing the ***Captain America*** relaunch to ***Daredevil: Born Again*** in that both take the focal hero totally out of his element. "We're metaphorically stranding him on this desert island, getting down to the crux and the core of what drives this character," Brevoort said. Brevoort went on to explain that Remender and Romita are offering new insights into Steve Rogers in the process. "Rick and John are telling the story of Steve Rogers' early days. ... We've always really said the guy who is Captain America is Steve Rogers. The story we're getting to see—the story that runs parallel—is the upbringing of Steve Rogers, growing up in the Depression, and the things that made him the guy he is today. Being a young guy in the 1930s, when you didn't know where your next meal was coming from, was tough. You'll get to see Steve as a fighter of a different sort in a different environment."

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"We're going to show the choices that Steve made and how his upbringing informed the decisions that he makes, but also who he becomes," Remender added. The writer explained that, in preparation for the storyline, he did a great deal of research into the Great Depression. "The Depression was a *decade!* It's a tumultuous time in American history. But the optimism of the time, the optimism of the character, and the optimism of the book is something I'm really excited about."

Remender stressed that this isn't just a throwaway storyline. Everything that happens in Dimension Z will have "massive ramifications" for the Marvel Universe in the future.

"I know this is a huge departure from what's come before," Remender said, "but I'm so proud of it. It's going to stand on its own as a unique era for ***Captain America.***"

Steve Rogers isn't venturing into Dimension Z alone, Remender explained. Sharon Carter will also be in there (and Remender promised a big development in her relationship with Steve Rogers), as will Henry Pym, who will be a sort of Q to Steve Rogers' James Bond. "I think the important thing here is for this era of *Captain America* to be defined by some of the *new* cast members," Remender said. "I think that was one of the things I wanted to make sure we did—to establish a new cast, intermingling them with the old."

Remender said that the Depression-era flashback sequences might only run through the first year of ***Captain America.*** "I don't know if we'll go back to it after the first year," Remender said. "Whether it's worth going back to after that remains to be seen. One thing I *don't* see myself doing, though is going back to the World War II era very much... we've seen it so much."

Captain America #1, a $3.99 comic by *Rick Remender & John Romita Jr.* with cover art by *John Romita Jr.,* is scheduled for November 21st release. The book will also be offered with a number of variant covers, including a *Joe Quesada* variant, a *Joe Quesada* black and white sketch variant, a *Skottie Young* baby variant, a *Meperidine* variant, a *Jerome Opena* design variant, and a blank variant; check with the folks at your friendly neighborhood comic shop for information regarding availability and price.

by Cliff Biggers

The following comics and comics-related books are tentatively slated for release on the dates given, based on the latest information provided by the publishers at press-time. If no date is listed, the books are scheduled for release sometime in the month of December. Diamond Comic Distributors' code numbers are included for ease of ordering.

Please note that, due to the fact that the holidays are going to impact deliveries, only a small number of books are scheduled for release on Wednesday, December 26th. The remainder of the books that would normally be released on the fourth week of the month (including a number of DC New 52 titles) will be released on January 2nd, 2013 instead.

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•**7 MILES A SECOND HC** 12/19 Fantagraphics OCT121088 $19.99

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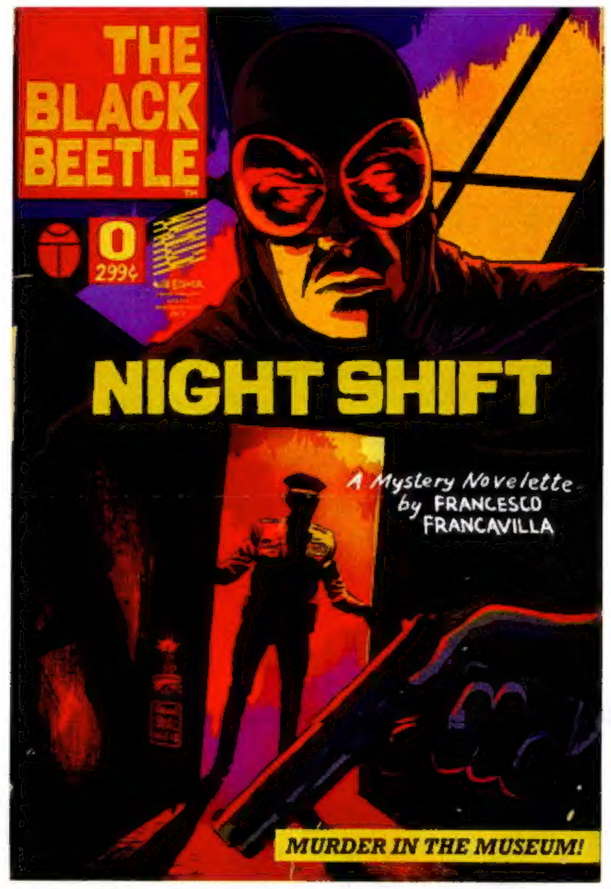

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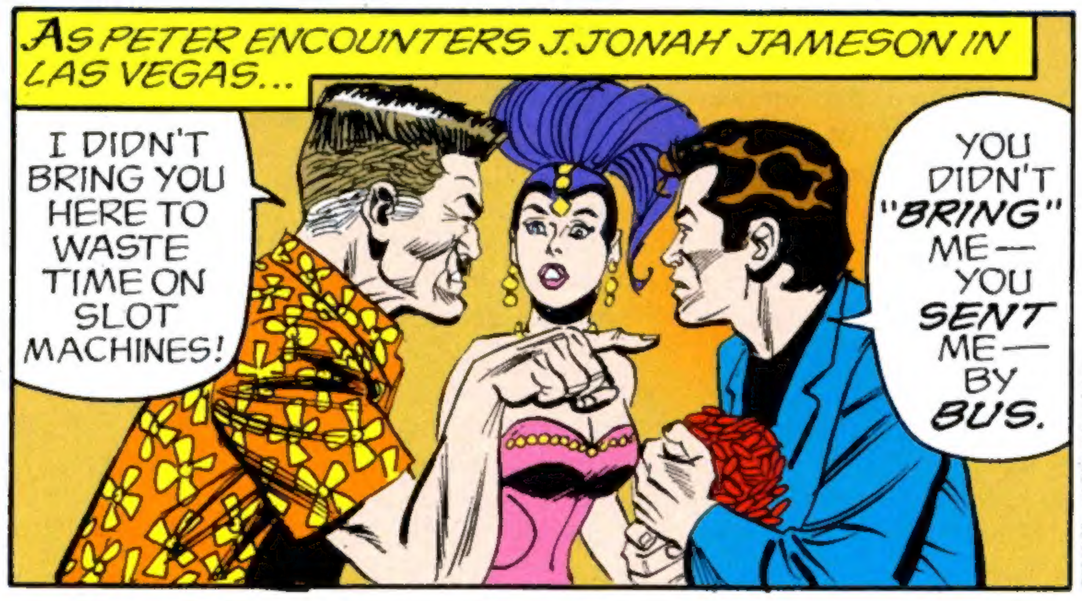
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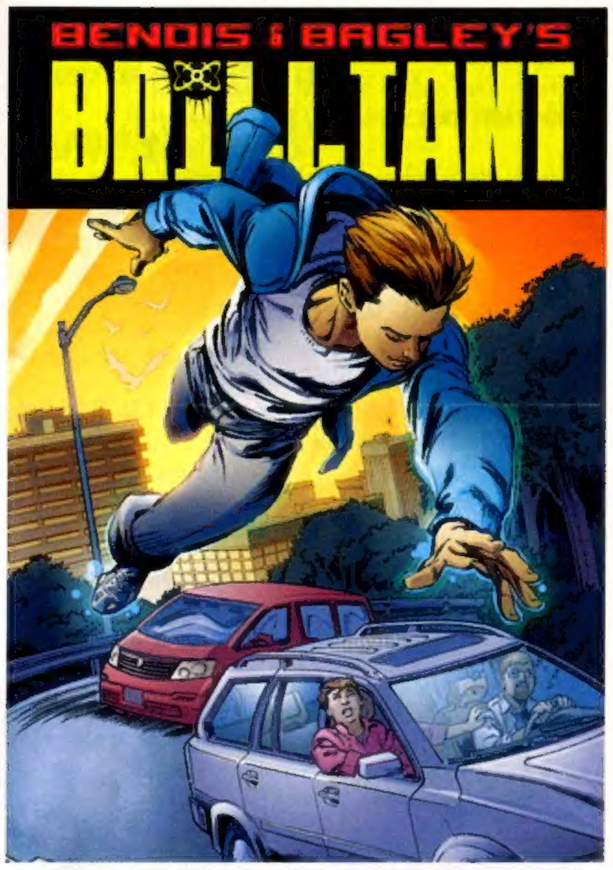

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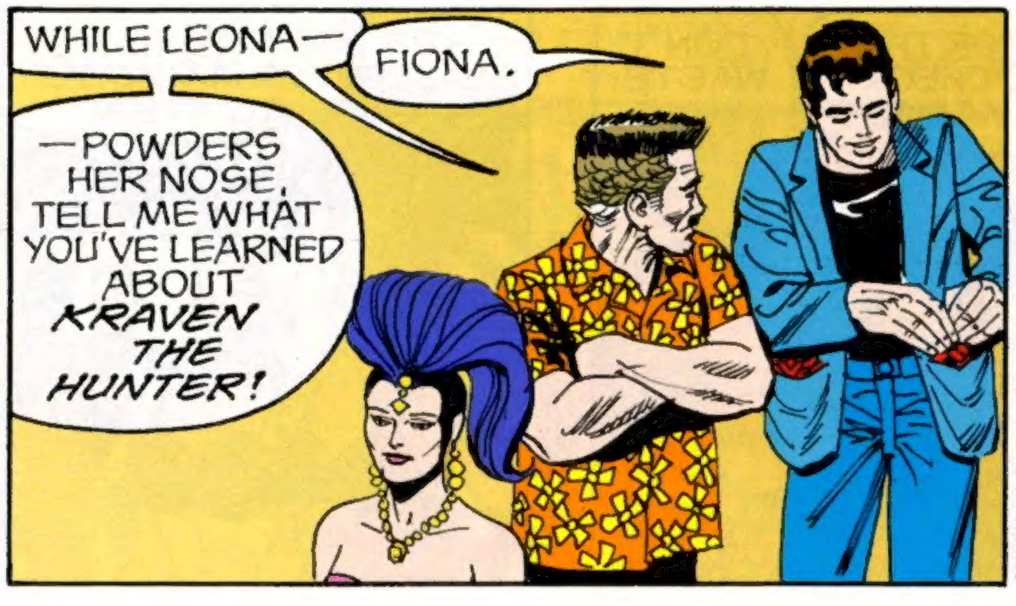

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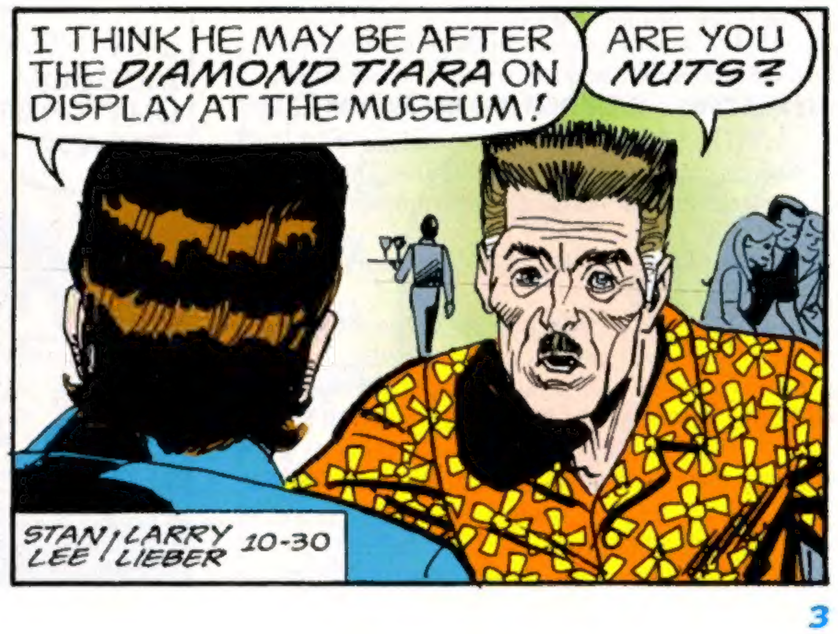

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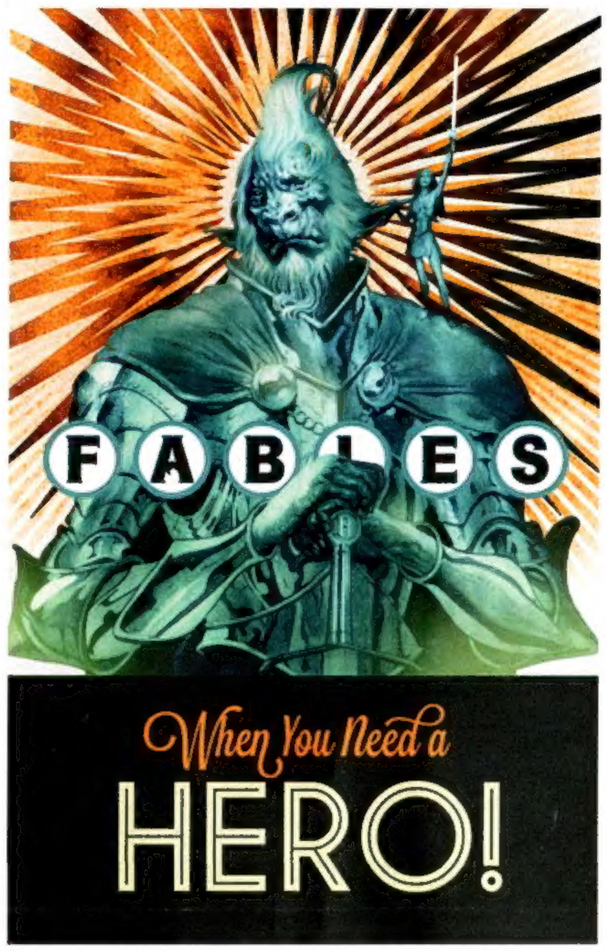

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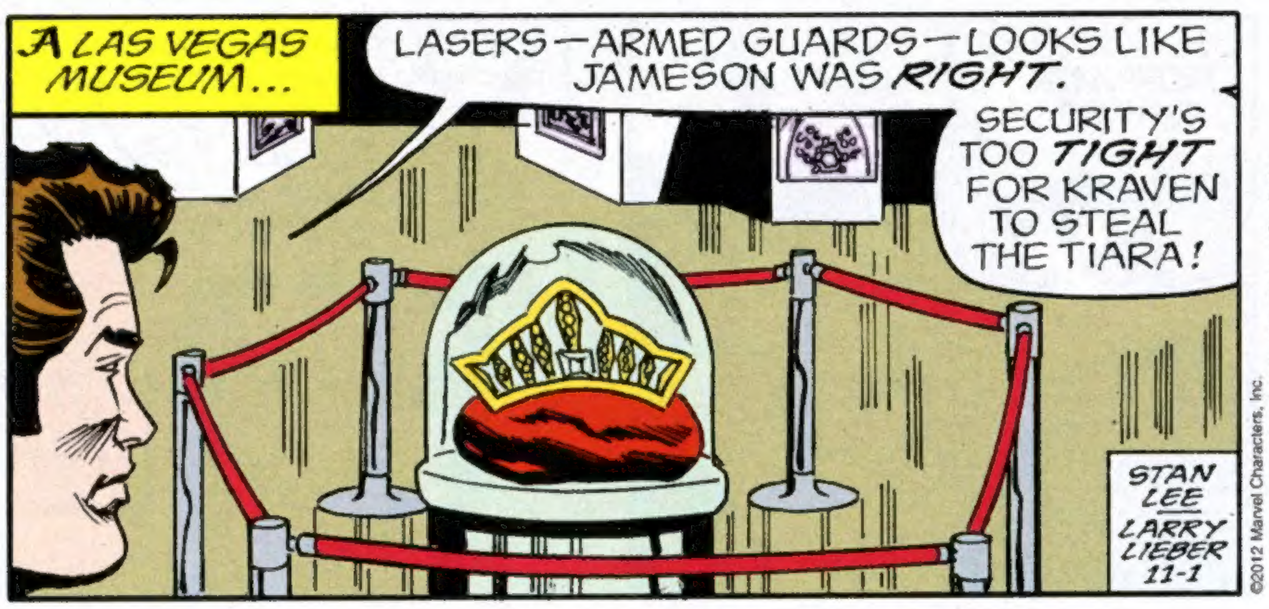
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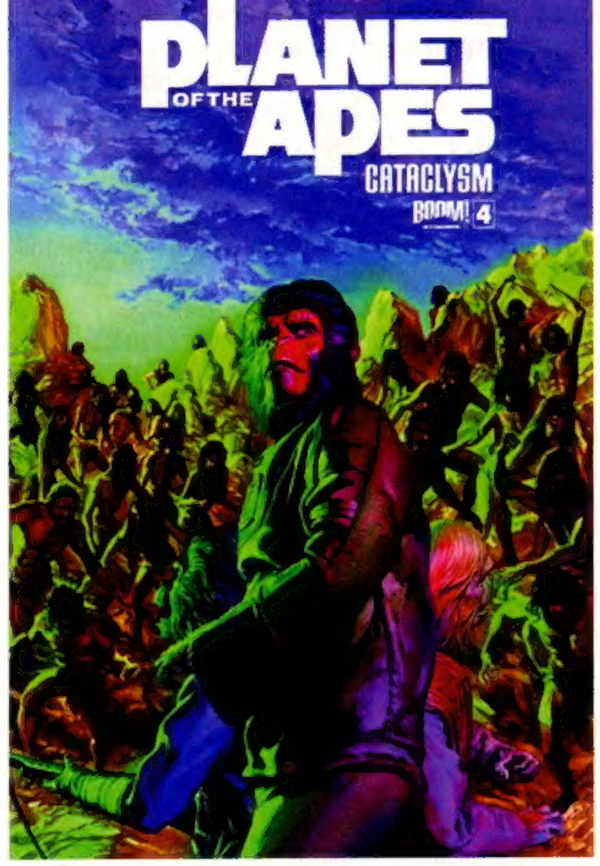

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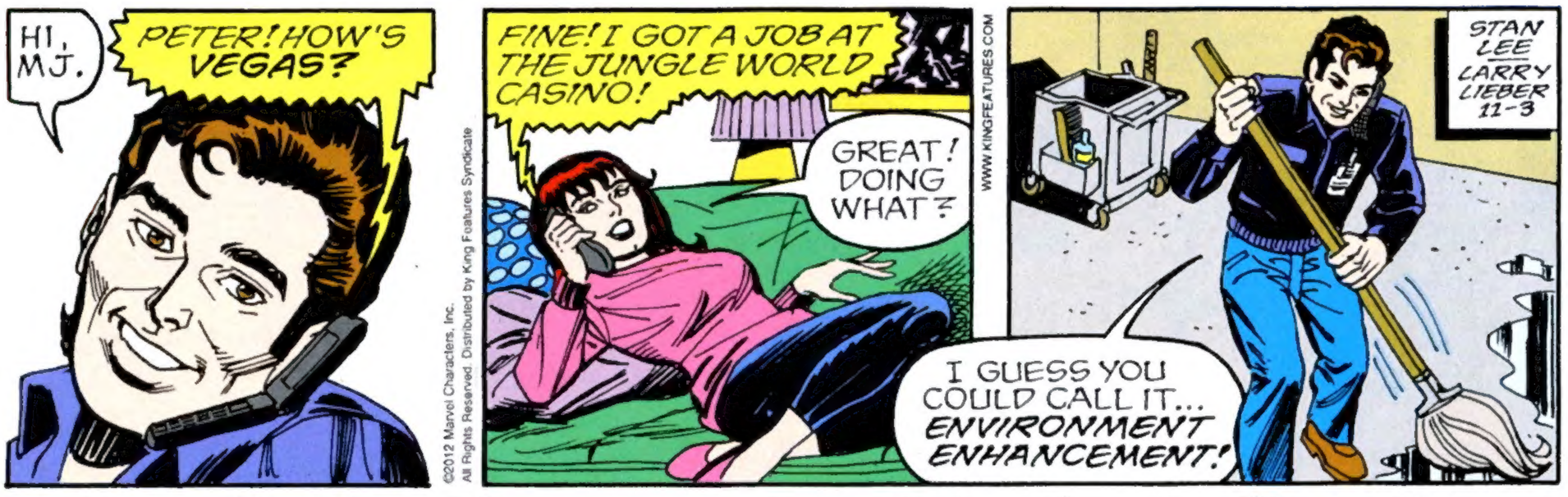
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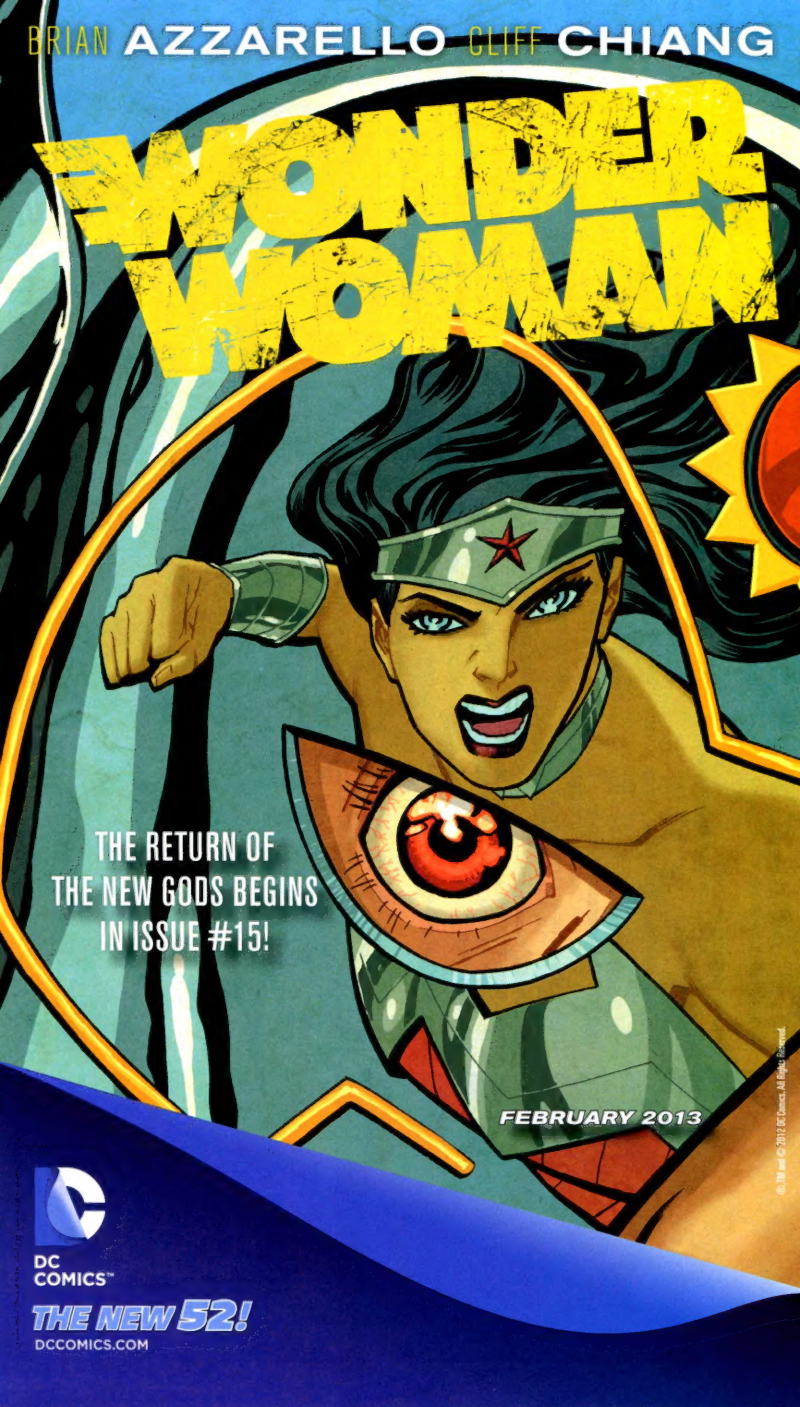
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